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In re:

FREEFALL ADVENTURES, et al.

CHAPTER 11

Debtors.

CASE NO. 14-30235 (ABA)

: UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

: (Jointly Administered)

DEBTORS' VERIFIED MOTION PURSUANT TO 11 U.S.C. §§ 105 AND 363 FOR AUTHORITY TO SELL CESSNA 182 AIRCRAFT BY PRIVATE SALE FREE AND CLEAR OF ALL LIENS, CLAIMS, AND ENCUMBRANCES

Freefall Adventures, Inc., and its related debtors and debtors-in-possession (the "<u>Debtors</u>"), by and through their undersigned counsel, hereby move (the "<u>Motion</u>") pursuant to sections 105, 363 of Title 11 of the United States Code (the "<u>Bankruptcy Code</u>") and Rules 2002, 6004, 9014, and 9019 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "<u>Bankruptcy Rules</u>"), for entry of an order authorizing the sale and conveyance (the "<u>Sale</u>") of Freefall Adventure's Aircraft (as define below) free and clear of all liens, claims, and encumbrances, and in support thereof, the Debtors submit as follows:

Background

1. On October 2, 2014 (the "<u>Petition Date</u>"), the Debtors each filed a voluntary petition for relief under Chapter 11, Title 11 of the United States Code (the "<u>Bankruptcy Code</u>"). The Debtors' cases are jointly administered for procedural purposes pursuant to a Court order entered on December 31, 2014.

- 2. The Debtors are operating their businesses and managing their properties as debtors-in-possession pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 1107(a) and 1108.
- 3. No trustee or examiner has been appointed in these cases. No official committee of unsecured creditors has been appointed in these cases.
- 4. The Debtors own and operate several airplanes and a skydiving jump center based in Williamstown, New Jersey. Through these Chapter 11 cases, the Debtors intend to streamline their operations and liquidate certain non-essential assets so that the Debtors can ultimately propose and confirm a Chapter 11 plan.
- 5. Among Freefall Adventures' assets is the Cessna 182 aircraft (the "Aircraft") bearing Manufacturer's Serial Number 34893 (Registration No. 4793D), which is equipped with a Continental O-470 engine and a McCarley prop (model 2A36C29AE590M-8, Serial No. 59882).
- 6. As part of the Debtors' overall strategy to liquidate certain of their assets to fund a Chapter 11 plan, the Debtors seek authority to sell the Aircraft. The Debtors believe that they will be able to maximize the sale price of the Aircraft by completing a private sale rather than including the Aircraft in an auction. The Aircraft has been listed for over 18 months on Barnstormers.com, an online marketplace specializing in the sale of aircraft. Barnstomers.com is a well-known aviation market place website, which states that it "receives more than a million visits and 17 million pageviews' per month." www.barnstormers.com. As such the Debtors believe that they have more than sufficiently marketed the Aircraft. The Debtors have received an offer in the amount of \$21,000 from Extreme Source, Inc. (the "Buyer"), which offer represents the highest and best offer the Debtors have received. In addition, prior to the Petition

¹ The Debtors paid Barnstormer.com a marketing fee of \$60 every three months to list the Aircraft (for a total cost of approximately \$360) to list the Aircraft on their website.

Date, the Debtors sold a similar Cessna 182, for \$20,500. Therefore, the Debtors believe that the Buyer's offer is fair and reasonable.

7. The Buyer is not an insider of any the Debtors and the purchase price is the result of arm's length good faith negotiations between the Debtors and the Buyer.

Relief Requested

8. By this Motion, the Debtors seek entry of an order pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 105 and 363 approving the sale of the Aircraft to a non-insider third-party free and clear of liens, claims, encumbrances and interests (collectively, the "Liens"), which such Liens to attach to the proceeds of such sale.

Basis for Relief

9. In furtherance of their strategy to liquidate certain assets and streamline operations, the Debtors, in the exercise of their sound business judgment, have determined that the private sale of the Aircraft, pursuant to the terms of the Aircraft Purchase Agreement, attached hereto as <a href="Exhibit "A", to the Buyer, a non-insider third party, will maximize the value of the Aircraft.

A. Sale Free and Clear of Liens

- 10. Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 541, the Aircraft is an asset of the Debtors' estates. In accordance with 11 U.S.C. §§ 363 and 1107, a debtor-in-possession is authorized to sell property of the estate to realize the value thereof and maximize recoveries to the estate for creditors.
- 11. Section 363 of the Bankruptcy Code provides that "[t]he trustee, after notice and a hearing, may use, sell, or lease, other than in the ordinary course of business, property of the estate." 11 U.S.C. § 363(b)(1).
- 12. In accordance with 11 U.S.C. § 363(f), a debtor may sell property under section 363(b):

 free and clear of any interest in such property of an entity other

than the estate, only if --

- (1) applicable nonbankruptcy law permits sale of such property free and clear of such interest;
- (2) such entity consents;
- (3) such interest is a lien and the price at which such property is to be sold is greater than the aggregate value of all liens on such property;
- (4) such interest is in bona fide dispute; or
- (5) such entity could be compelled, in a legal or equitable proceeding, to accept a money satisfaction of such interest.

11 U.S.C. § 363(f).

- 13. The Debtors propose to sell the Aircraft free and clear of all liens, encumbrances, claims, and interests that may be asserted by any entity claiming an interest therein.
- 14. The Debtors have obtained a title report related to the Aircraft (the "<u>Title Report</u>" attached as <u>Exhibit "B"</u>). The Title Report lists two liens and a recordation notice against the Aircraft, all asserted against prior owners of the Aircraft, as follows:
 - a. A lien filed by Planters Trust & Savings Bank of Opelousas, LA ("Planters Trust") on June 5, 1972. On November 20, 1976, Planters Trust filed a release of the lien, which is listed on the Title Report, but the lien has not been removed because (as stated in the Title Report) Planters Trust "does not appear in the FAA records."
 - b. A lien filed by Lakeside National Bank ("<u>Lakeside</u>") on November 12, 1976. On January 17, 1996, Jeff Davis Bank & Trust Company ("<u>Jeff Davis</u>"), as successor to Lakeside, filed a satisfaction of lien related to the Lakeside lien. The FAA did not accept the release because the FAA required additional information from Jeff Davis, which apparently was never provided.
 - c. A FAA recordation notice related to a release of lien filed by First

 Missouri Bank & Trust Co. ("First Missouri") Creve Coeur, Missouri, which states that a

release letter was received from First Missouri on September 7, 1977, but that no lien had been recorded.

15. While the above items appear on the Title Report, the Debtors believe that the notes included in the Title Report show that the liens have been satisfied and that neither Planters Trust, Jeff Davis nor First Missouri are asserting liens against the Aircraft. Nevertheless, the Debtors have served the successors of Planters Trust, Jeff Davis, and First Missouri with notice of this Motion so that they have an opportunity to appear and be heard.

B. Approval of the Sale is Warranted

- 16. Approval of a sale is appropriate if the Court finds the transaction represents a reasonable business judgment on the part of the debtor. See In re Lionel Corp., 722 F.2d 1063, 1071 (2d Cir. 1983). See also Stephens Indus. v. McClung, 789 F.2d 386 (6th Cir. 1986), In re Coastal Indus., Inc., 63 B.R. 361 (N.D. Ohio 1986).
- 17. In light of the Debtors' decision to streamline their operations and to liquidate certain of their assets in anticipation of filing a plan of reorganization, the Debtors have determined that the sale of the Aircraft is appropriate and is in the best interest of the Debtors, their estates, and all parties in interest.
- 18. The Debtors will recover \$21,000 from the sale of the Aircraft. The Debtors agreement to sell the Aircraft as the result of good faith, arm's length negotiations with the Buyer. None of the Debtors' officers or principals will receive any benefit from the sale of the Aircraft.
- 19. The sale will help enable the Debtors propose and ultimately fund a Chapter 11 plan. Moreover, the sale will enable the Debtors to avoid payment of unnecessary administrative claims and expenses associated with the continued ownership of the Aircraft such as maintenance and insurance. The Debtors further believe that a sale price of at \$21,000 will result in the Debtor obtaining the highest and best offer for the Aircraft based upon other offers and

valuation estimates the Debtors' have received. Moreover, the Debtors will accept higher and better offers if they are presented prior to a hearing on the Motion. Therefore, the Debtor submits that the Buyer should be entitled to the protection of 11 U.S.C. § 363(m) as a good faith purchaser.

- 20. The sale, consistent with 11 U.S.C. § 363, is appropriate and warranted in these circumstances, is in the best interests of the Debtors' estates, creditors, and other parties in interest and, therefore, should be approved.
- 21. The Debtors' goal is to maximize the value of the Aircraft, while at the same completing an expeditious sale of the Aircraft. The Debtors explored other potential methods of liquidating the Aircraft, including sale at auction or retaining a broker. The Debtors are concerned that an auction will not result in a guaranteed sale price, and substantial equity could be lost. An Auctioneer or broker would require a commission of at least 6%, which would decrease the Debtors' recovery. Therefore, the Debtors determined that a private sale is the best alternative to maximize the value of the Aircraft.
- 22. If any creditor claims an interest in the proceeds of the sale, the Debtors submit that one or more of the subsections of 11 U.S.C. § 363(f) applies, and that any such interest or claim will be adequately protected by having such interests attach to the proceeds of the sale, subject to any claims and defenses the Debtor may possess with respect thereto.
- 23. Finally, the Debtors request that the stay of an order granting the Motion under Bankruptcy Rule 6004(h) be waived for cause because the Buyer intends to close prior to May 29, 2015, and the Debtors are concerned that the Buyer will refuse to close if it cannot do so by that date.

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WHEREFORE, the Debtors respectfully request that the Court: (i) grant the Motion; (ii) authorize the sale of the Aircraft by private sale; (iii) and grant such other and further relief as is just and proper.

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Dated: May 19, 2015

VERIFICATION

John Eddowes, of full age, certifies and states as follows:

- 1. I am the President of Freefall Adventures, Inc., and am fully authorized to make this Verification on its behalf.
- 2. I have read the foregoing Motion and I hereby certify and verify that all the statements contained therein are true.
- 3. I hereby verify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

John Eddowes

Dated: May 7, 2015